

REMARKS

The Official Action dated July 17, 2006, was a restriction requirement, requiring the applicants to elect to prosecute one of six inventions which were asserted to be recited in the claims. The six inventions are:

Invention I, recited in claims 22, 24, 58, and 97;

Invention II, recited in claims 70, 71, 84, and 84;

Invention III, recited in claims 72-73, 80-81, 86-87, and 94-95;

Invention IV, recited in claims 74, 76, 88, and 90;

Invention V, recited in claims 75, 77-79, 82, 89 and 91-93; and

Invention VI, recited in claims 83 and 96.

Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute subject matter of Invention I, with traverse. Applicants further note that invention I is asserted in the Office Action to be recited in claims 22, 24, 58, and 97. Applicants point out, however, that claim 23 is dependent upon claim 22, and recites that the number of scanning or moving the working means and the number of moving the stage or related depending on difference in scanning or moving time. Applicants respectfully request that invention I be considered to be recited in claims 22, 23, 24, 58, and 97. Applicants further traverse this restriction, however, and respectfully request examination of all of the currently pending claims.

Timely examination of the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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